

# **Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet**

Culver City, CA

## **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

# **Community Description**

Culver City was selected to receive assessment and cleanup grants. Culver City (population 38,800) is surrounded entirely by the City of Los Angeles and is a fully built-out city with no room to expand. The city has targeted an area within a 42-acre city park that is restricted from public use due to likely petroleum contamination. Over 43 percent of Culver City households receive income from Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or retirement/public assistance. Assessment and cleanup of the Boneyard site will lead to development of a park, which will include an offleash dog park, that was requested by residents. The park will increase recreational opportunities for the public in a densely populated urban area in need of



## **Assessment Grant**



#### \$50,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Culver City for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct assessment activities at an abandoned oil field contaminated by petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to conduct redevelopment planning in conjunction with a community involvement program.

# **Cleanup Grant**

#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Culver City for a cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will target the Culver City Park Boneyard site at 9100 Jefferson Boulevard. The site, which is over an acre in area, has a 75-year history of oil field operations and contains an abandoned tank farm and oil pipes.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/

Grant Recipient: City of Culver City, CA 310-253-5635

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Culver City has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

greenspace. The city will continue to reach out to the community, including Spanish-speaking residents, during the assessment, cleanup, and reuse planning phases of the project.